Conservative luminary Herb London passes away at age 79

NEW YORK - November 11, 2018 - Dr. Herbert I. London, Ph.D., founder of the London Center for Policy Research, former dean of New York University’s Gallatin Division, and leading American conservative intellectual passed away last night after a coronary ailment. He was 79.

Dr. London was born in Brooklyn in 1939. Reaching 6'5", he led Jamaica High School to a citywide basketball championship. He played hoops at Columbia University and was drafted by the NBA’s Syracuse Nationals, although an injury kept him from playing professionally. He enjoyed a hit rock & roll record in 1959, and went on to a highly distinguished career as an academic and conservative activist. The author of 30 books on public affairs was a widely beloved fixture on the local, state, national, and global stages.

Dr. London ran for mayor of New York City in 1989. He was the Conservative Party nominee for governor of New York in 1990 and finished just 1 percent behind GOP standard bearer Pierre Rinfret. Dr. London was the Republican Party’s nominee for state comptroller in 1994.

After founding NYU’s Great Books-oriented Gallatin Division in 1972 and leading it until 1992, he ran several think tanks. He was president of the Hudson Institute from 1997 to 2011 and was also chairman of the National Association of Scholars.

In 2013, Dr. London founded the London Center for Policy Research, which he guided until his death. This organization is the vessel through which he advanced U.S. national interests and enlightened our Republic's leaders on the vital need to ensure that America remains the greatest nation on Earth. His deep understanding of our national fabric and his wish to support the aspirations of the American people have inspired the London Center to become this country’s
premier "think and do" tank. Likewise, the London Center and its scholars provide thoughtful solutions to a variety of domestic and foreign-policy challenges.

"Herb's dedication and commitment to America and furthering its place in the world stemmed from his deep-seated love for this country," said Eli M. Gold, senior vice president of the London Center. "His patriotism was unsurpassed."

"Herb was a Renaissance man's Renaissance man," said Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, the London Center's vice president for strategic initiatives and operations. "In all aspects, he was a peerless scholar and visionary leader who knowledgeably and comfortably could discuss history, philosophy, art, science, and the latest baseball scores."

"Herb was not only a spectacular leader, he was a good man," said Laddyma Thompson, the London Center's secretary and treasurer. "An amazing father to his three daughters, Stacy, Nancy and Jaclyn; an effective instructor to young people; a brilliant mentor to professionals, both fledgling and venerated; and a devoted husband to his wife, Vicki."

"He was never too busy to take a moment and share with anyone his wisdom and experience," said London Center senior fellow Deroy Murdock. "All that Herb touched was improved simply by his goodness, boundless positive energy, and infectious sense of humor."

Senior fellow Monica Crowley added: "Herb London was a living, breathing example of everything that is good and right about America."

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. at Riverside Memorial Chapel.
We would like to share with you the following print and radio tributes to Herb London:

*The New York Times*, by Sam Roberts:
**Herbert London, Conservative Savant and Social Critic, Dies at 79**

WAMC Radio:
**WAMC Commentator, Political Candidate, Author Herb London Dies at 79**, interview host, Brian Shield, guest: Monica Crowley

National Association of Scholars:
**The Passing of Herb London**
https://www.nas.org/articles/the_passing_of_herbert_london

*National Review*, by Deroy Murdock:
**Herbert Ira London, Ph.D. — 1939-2018** | National Review

*Morano in the Morning*, by Frank Morano:
**A Tribute to think-tank genius, political guru and personal hero, Dr. Herb London**
https://omny.fm/shows/morano-in-the-morning/7am-hour-nov-11th-a-tribute-to-think-tank-genius-p

*Newsmax*:
**Herbert London: An Iconic Example of Learning, Teaching,**
by Bruce Abramson and Jeff Ballabon

*PJ Media*, by David P. Goldman:
**Farewell Herbert London. We won't see your like again.**
https://pjmedia.com/spengler/farewell-herbert-london-we-wont-see-your-like-again/

*City Journal*, by Benjamin Weingarten:
**A Great and Good Man, Herb London 1939-2018**
https://www.city-journal.org/herb-london
ACTA, by Michael Poliakoff:
**In Memoriam: Herbert I. London**
https://www.goacta.org/the_forum/in-memoriam-herbert-i.-london

*Catholic League*, by president Bill Donohue:
**Herb London, R.I.P**
https://www.catholicleague.org/herb-london-r-i-p/

*The Jerusalem Post*, by Joshua Nass:
**The Loss of a Giant: A Tribute to Herb London**

Manhattan Institute:
**In Memoriam: On the Passing of Herbert London**
By Lawrence J. Mone

*Washington Times*:
**The passing of a giant**
By R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.